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*At a meeting of the Regents of the University,  
held, pursuant to adjournment, in the Se-  
nate Chamber, on the first of April, 1811 :*

THE committee to whom was referred several papers relative to the state of the college of physicians and surgeons in the city of New-York, report, that unfortunate misunderstandings have taken place between several professors of that institution which have already materially impeded its operations, and unless something effectual be done by the regents, it will become degraded in the estimation of the public, and its usefulness will be inevitably destroyed.

The committee have forborne to trace and bring to light the conduct of individuals, because in their opinion it would be both useless and invidious.

Propositions have been made to the committee to re-model the institution, with a view of rendering its operation more simple, and of introducing into it several of the professors of the medical

school in Columbia college, and other eminent and distinguished individuals; this proposition has been viewed by the committee in the most favourable light, as it may extinguish the feuds existing among the present professors of the college of physicians and surgeons, and as it will, in all probability, be the means of uniting the two schools.

The latter appears an object of the first importance, in as much as it will assemble, in one institution, a splendend collection of medical and surgical talents, and as it cannot fail to merit and receive the patronage and encouragement of the legislature.

It is unnecessary for the committee to attempt to display the important advantages to the state which a well organized medical school in the city of New-York must afford; its hospital, and the subjects furnished by the state prison, without the violation of law, present a field for the acquisition of medical and surgical knowledge unrivalled in the United States, and it is only requisite to establish an institution, under the fostering care of the legislature, in which shall be united the best talents, and to secure these advantages to the state.

Under these impressions the committee beg leave to report an alteration of the charter of the college



of physicians and surgeons, and to propose a new list of officers and professors, which alteration is as follows, to wit :

*By the Regents of the University of the State  
of New-York.*

WHEREAS we have reserved to ourselves the right to alter and modify our ordinances for establishing a college of physicians and surgeons in New-York ; therefore,

*Be it ordained,* That all the corporate rights, privileges, powers, and immunities granted by us to the said college of physicians and surgeons, to the trustees or members thereof, and to the senatus academicus and censors thereof, shall hereafter be exclusively vested in, and exercised by the trustees of the said college of physicians and surgeons, to be appointed from time to time by us or our successors. And the said trustees shall do and perform all matters and things which the said college of physicians and surgeons, the trustees or members thereof, and the senatus academicus and censors thereof, are authorised and required to do and perform.

*And be it further ordained,* That the president, vice president, professors, and treasurer of the said college for the time being, and such other persons



as we, or our successors, may hereafter appoint, shall be the trustees of the said college, provided the whole number of the said trustees shall not, at any time, be more than twenty-five.

*And be it further ordained,* That the president or vice president, or any three of the trustees shall have power, at any time, to call a meeting of the said trustees, by giving at least three days previous notice of the time and place of holding said meeting. And five of the said trustees (of which the president, or in his absence, the vice president, shall be one) shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

*And be it further ordained,* That the trustees and members of the said college, who are not constituted trustees by this supplementary charter, shall be hereafter fellows or members thereof, and that the trustees shall have power to elect fellows or members of the said college, who shall at all times have the privilege of attending all the public lectures and other courses of instruction, delivered by the professors in the said college; and who shall also have the privilege of visiting and inspecting the anatomical museum, the botanic garden, the cabinets of mineralogy and natural history, and the library of the said college, under such regulations as the trustees shall prescribe for that purpose.

*And be it further ordained,* That reserving to ourselves and our successors, regents of the university, the power of making such other grants or ordinances as may be necessary or useful for the said college, we finally order, that this ordinance shall form part of the charter of the said college of physicians and surgeons in the city of New-York. And we do hereby revoke and annul such parts of our previous grants and ordinances as are contrary to, or inconsistent with the present ordinance.

*A true extract from the minutes,*

FR. BLOODGOOD,

Secretary.



*At a meeting of the Regents of the University,  
held, pursuant to adjournment, in the Se-  
nate Chamber, on the 1st of April, 1811 :*

RESOLVED, That the following appointments be  
and hereby are made in the College of Physicians  
and Surgeons in the city of New-York, to wit :

SAMUEL BARD, M. D. President.

BENJAMIN DE WITT, M. D. Vice-President.

WRIGHT POST and JOHN AUGUSTINE SMITH,  
Joint Professors of Anatomy, Surgery, and Physi-  
ology.

DAVID HOSACK, M. D. Professor of the Theory  
and Practice of Physic and Clinical Medicine.

WILLIAM JAMES MAC NEVEN, M. D. Professor  
of Chemistry.

JOHN R. B. RODGERS, M. D. Professor of Obste-  
trics, and the Diseases of Women and Children.

EDWARD MILLER, M. D. Professor of Therapeu-  
tics, and Clinical Medicine.

WILLIAM HAMERSLEY, M. D. Professor of the  
Institutes of Medicine.

SAMUEL L. MITCHILL, M. D. Professor of Natu-  
ral History.

JAMES S. STRINGHAM, M. D. Professor of Me-  
dical Jurisprudence.



ARCHIBALD BRUCE, M. D. Professor of Mineralogy and Pharmacy.

JOHN D. JAQUES, M. D. Treasurer.

JOHN W. FRANCIS, Register.

And that all former appointments made in the said College of Physicians and Surgeons be, and the same are hereby revoked.

*A true extract from the minutes,*

FR. BLOODGOOD,

Secretary.

*At a meeting of the Regents of the University,  
held, pursuant to adjournment, in the Se-  
nate Chamber, on the first day of April,  
1811 :*

**RESOLVED,** That the Regents living in the city of New-York be a committee to visit, in the recess, Columbia College, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the Academies in the southern district, and that they be authorised to signify to the Trustees of Columbia College, that the object of the Regents, in uniting the medical institutions in the said city, is, by combining the talents of the professors in one seminary, to render the state of medical education more respectable and useful ; and that the said committee be further authorised to request, in behalf of the Regents, the co-operation of the said Trustees, in carrying the new arrangement into effect.

*Extracted from the minutes,*

**FR. BLOODGOOD,**

**Secretary.**



*At a meeting of the Regents of the University, held, pursuant to adjournment, in the Senate Chamber, on the 1st of April, 1811:*

THE committee to whom was referred the application of Professors De Witt, Smith, and Mac Neven, on the subject of the Botanic Garden,

### REPORT:

THAT in as much as the said Garden is placed under the care of the Regents, but without any appropriation of funds for its support, it is incumbent on them to make such disposition of the same, as is best calculated for its preservation, and to subserve the interests of medical science in this state, without incurring any public charge. The applicants offer to take charge of this institution, in conjunction with such other Trustees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons as the Regents shall appoint, free of expense. And it being of importance that it should be placed under the care of individuals who are zealous in promoting the ends contemplated by the purchase made of Doctor Hosack, your committee recommend, that the said Botanic Garden be placed in the hands of the Trustees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, to be by them kept in a state of preservation, and in a condition fit for all medical pur-



poses, free of expense, under the immediate inspection of the Regents residing in the city of New-York, and that the said Garden be at all times open to the admission of such medical students as may resort thereto for the purpose of acquiring botanical science. But as the College of Physicians and Surgeons have not applied under their common seal, and may not be willing to accept the trust upon the terms herein specified, the committee recommend, that in case of their refusing assent to this arrangement, that the said Botanic Garden be placed under the care and superintendence of Doctors De Witt, Smith, and Mac Neven, upon the conditions herein before mentioned. And in case of the refusal of these gentlemen to accept the trust as herein limited, or if any unavoidable accident should occur, whereby the said Botanic Garden should be exposed to injury, the committee recommend that the Regents residing in the city of New-York should be empowered to make such disposition of that establishment during the recess of the session of the Regents as to them shall appear necessary for its preservation, and the best calculated to promote the extension of medical science, so far as it may be connected with a knowledge of botany.

*A true extract from the minutes,*

FR. BLOODGOOD,

Secretary.